

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Replace paragraphs [0039]-[0040] with the following paragraphs.

-- [0039] In the exemplary case, the code marking 6 is formed of a sequence of recesses 19, 20 and 21 which permit ~~for~~ the passage of light and of code marking rings 22, 23 and 24. The recesses 19-21 ~~for the passage of light~~ and the code marking rings 22-24 are positioned on the piston rod head 5, so that a recess 19 for the passage of light ~~19~~ is first provided at the free end of the piston rod head 5. This recess 19 ~~for the passage of light 19~~ is used for determining the specific piston-cylinder unit 3 mounted to the respective apparatus. The recess ~~for the passage of light~~ 19 is realized by mounting a projection 29 on the following code marking ring 22, wherein the projection 29 is formed smaller in its diameter dimension as compared with the code marking ring 22 in order to form the recess for the passage of light 19.

[0040] After the code marking ring 22, follows the recess 20 for the passage of light 20, again followed by the code marking ring 23. The third recess 21 for the passage of light 21 is positioned between code marking ring 23 and code marking ring 24. --